

## **LIGHTNING PLAN**

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[\(See Policy 8137 - Unit Multi-Incident Plan\)](#)

[\(See Policy 7842 - Unit Fire Danger Operating Plan\)](#)

Lightning activity can have a significant impact to a Unit's success in containing fires during Initial Attack. To increase Initial Attack success, preparedness for lightning caused fires is essential. As described in Policy 8137, Unit Multi-Incident Plan, all Units shall develop a Unit Multi-Incident Plan to ensure the most efficient use and safety of resources. Those Units that are frequented by lightning may develop an additional Multi-Incident Plan specific to lightning events identified as a Unit Lightning Plan.

The Unit Lightning Plan shall be a sub-plan to the Unit's Multi-Incident Plan as described in Policy 8137- Unit Multi-Incident Plan. The Unit Lightning Plan shall coincide with the Unit's Fire Danger Operating Plan identifying decision points for implementation and activation of the Unit Lightning Plan. The Unit Lightning Plan shall include but not limited to, the basic elements found in the Unit Multi-Incident Plan (Coordination Areas, Modified Dispatching, Incident Numbering, Communications, etc). For Units with an Interagency Command Center, the Unit Lightning Plan should coordinate with the Command Center's interagency partners.

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